Captain Lee House (Starr House) Starr Route Bloomsdale Saint Genevieve County Missouri HABS No. MO-1102

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Starr House"
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This house was built in the year 1837 by Captain Lee, famous steamboat captain on the Mississippi River.

The house is two stories and basement. Contains nine rooms. Large outside chimneys of stone.

The construction is unusual and worthy of special notice. It consists of vertical hewn oak timbers about 3" x 8" spaced about 2'0" center and the space between is filled with stones laid in mud mortar. The entire structure then covered with weatherboards. Wood dowels and pins are used throughout.

The building is surrounded by a wood cornice from which springs a hip roof.

The cornice shows some attempt at architectural treatment and is supported on wood modillions at wide intervals.

The wide front door gives an air of hospitality. It would seem that originally a large porch once adorned the front - the marks of which still show.

Information: Ed. Starr, present owner.

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